## **PART I** Authorization to Operate

- A. The permittee is authorized to operate Class V Injection Wells, at the facility described in the permit application and in the cover page of this permit, in accordance with the provisions set forth in this permit.
- B. This permit and the authorization to inject shall remain in effect until the expiration date stated on the cover page of this permit. If the permittee desires to continue injection past the expiration date of this permit, the permittee shall request a permit reissuance at least 180 days prior to expiration of this permit.

# **PART II** Injection Wells

- A. Authorized Injection Compounds
  - 1. The permittee may inject diammonium phosphate, citric acid, hydrogen peroxide, ammonium nitrate, iron shavings, ferrous sulfate, sodium permanganate, sodium persulfate, sodium sulfate, magnesium sulfate, water, air, oxygen, NPK fertilizer, potassium bicarbonate, potassium hydroxide, sodium bicarbonate, calcium peroxide, calcium hydroxide, sodium hydroxide, sulfuric acid, in accordance with the November 7, 2008, Request for Permit Reissuance; and EDTA sodium salt, EHC-F, EHC-L, ethanol, groundwater, lactates, potassium sulfate, sodium dithionite, soy powder, micronutrients, vitamins, vegetable extract, vegetable oil, activated charcoal, and ferrous gluconate in accordance with the May 3, 2013, Request for Permit Modification and the November 9, 2018, permit re-issuance application.
  - 2. The permittee shall not inject any substance that is defined as hazardous or toxic by Federal or State laws or regulations or any substance not identified in the applications for this permit. The injection activity shall not result in the exceedence of any established Drinking Water Standard Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) in groundwater.

### B. Modifications

A permit modification shall be obtained prior to modification of any injection well to include any action that will change the configuration of the well beneath the surface, the methods of monitoring injection, or will result in injection of a fluid not specifically authorized by this permit.

# C. Operation

The injection wells operated under this permit shall function properly. Should the injection wells fail to function properly, the permittee shall take corrective action, to include cessation of injection, as required by ADEM.

# **PART III** Monitoring Requirements

### A. Injection Fluids

The permittee shall maintain a means of sampling the injection fluids prior to injection, should the need arise or as requested by ADEM.

# B. Monitoring Wells

- 1. The permittee shall monitor groundwater hydraulically downgradient of the injection zones and the areas of contamination in accordance with the November 9, 2018, permit re-issuance application.
- 2. The groundwater monitoring regime shall be sufficient to detect any adverse affects to groundwater quality due to the injection activity.
- 3. The Department may change the sampling requirements if the sampling data indicate a need to do so.

### PART IV Records, Reports, & Submittals

#### A. Records

- 1. The permittee shall retain all records concerning the data used to complete the permit application, the operation of the wells, and the nature and composition of substances injected; to include records of the calibration of instruments, meters and gauges, quality control records, and recordings from continuous monitoring instrumentation; until at least three years after the closure of wells.
- 2. When requested by ADEM, the permittee shall deliver copies of any of the records maintained in accordance with this permit.

### B. Reports

- 1. The permittee shall submit to ADEM written confirmation of all injection of permitted substances. Written confirmations shall be submitted on a monthly basis during injection. The confirmations shall include the information listed below:
  - a) The dates of the injection.
  - b) The amount of each substance injected.
  - c) The location(s) of the injection.

- 2. The permittee shall submit to ADEM ground water monitoring reports on a quarterly basis. The reports shall include as a minimum:
  - a) The date, and exact place of sampling;
  - b) The complete chain of custody forms for all samples collected and
  - c) The results of each analysis performed.
- 3. The permittee shall report to the ADEM any of the following:
  - a) Any planned action which will change the use of the injection wells, will result in injection of a fluid different from that authorized by this permit, will change the method of operations of any injection well, or will change the method of the monitoring of well operations or injected fluids.
  - b) Any planned transfer of ownership of all or part of the permitted facility.
  - c) Any relevant facts of which the permittee becomes aware which should have been submitted in a permit modification application and any corrections to data previously submitted in a permit application.

#### 4. Other Submittals

Studies, engineering reports, plans and specifications, plugging and abandonment plans, logging reports, and other technical documents submitted to comply with this permit shall be prepared by or under the supervision of qualified persons defined by the UIC Regulations of the ADEM.

### PART V Plugging and Abandonment

The permittee shall perform any abandonment and closure actions that may be required by ADEM to remove a threat to groundwater quality or to the health of persons which is caused by the injection activity.

### PART VI Permit Modification, Revocation, Suspension, and Termination

- A. ADEM may impose emergency additional conditions to this permit when necessary to protect waters of the state from pollution. These conditions may include suspension of the permit to inject and shall remain in effect until the permit is modified, revoked, suspended or terminated in accordance with ADEM Administrative Code Rule 335-6-8.
- B. Non-emergency permit modification, revocation, suspension, and termination actions shall be accomplished in accordance with ADEM Administrative Code Rule 335-6-8.

#### PART VII General Provisions

- A. The permittee shall comply with all provisions of the UIC Regulations of the ADEM and shall comply with all provisions of this permit and shall reduce or halt injection if needed to maintain compliance with the permit and regulations.
- B. The permittee shall comply with all applicable Federal and State hazardous waste management regulations.
- C. The permittee shall allow members of the ADEM staff to:
  - 1. access property and records of the permittee for purposes of inspection.
  - 2. collect samples of the injected fluids, process and wastewater streams associated with the permitted injection wells.
  - 3. collect samples from any monitoring wells.
  - 4. obtain copies of records upon request.
- D. The permittee shall immediately take all reasonable steps to minimize or correct any adverse environmental impact resulting from the operation of the permitted injection wells.
- E. This permit does not convey any property rights of any sort, or any exclusive privilege.
- F. The filing of a request by the permittee for a permit modification, revocation, and reissuance, or termination, or a notification of planned changes or anticipated noncompliance does not stay any permit condition.
- G. Any noncompliance with this permit constitutes a violation of the Alabama Water Pollution Control Act and/or the Underground Injection Control Regulations and is grounds for enforcement action such as permit termination, revocation, modification; or denial of a permit renewal application.
- H. Injection to waters of the state, which in this case is groundwater, in accordance with this permit shall not result in the exceedance of a Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) as established by the Environmental Protection Agency. Injection to groundwater, in accordance with this permit shall not result in a violation of a surface water quality standard.
- I. All provisions of ADEM Admin. Code Rule 335-6-8-.12 are incorporated as terms and conditions of this permit by reference.

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UIC Permit Number ALSI9952682

Draft Permit is: Reissuance with Modification

Injection Description: Injection of amendments to remediate groundwater contamination

Discussion: Standard permit drafted.

1. No hazardous injection

2. Groundwater sampling required

3. Adding activated carbon and ferrous gluconate to list of compounds authorized for injection